

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing a prepaid subscriber (PPS) account in a telecommunication system, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a credit balance in said PPS account; and

linking a separate supplementary service to said PPS account, wherein a separate fee for said supplementary service is charged to said PPS account one time, weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually, said supplementary service including at least one of call forwarding, call waiting, call blocking and caller ID separately charged from call connection fees.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein linking said supplementary service to said subscriber account further comprises linking said PPS account to a supplementary service sub-account and a call-event sub-account.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein applying said fee to said PPS account further comprises applying said fee to said supplementary service sub-account.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting an initial signal from a node managing the PPS account to a node for applying rate charging analysis for starting a timer upon activation of said supplementary service sub-account.

5. (Currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

utilizing a timing function for measuring ~~said~~ a predetermined time period associated with the supplementary service; and

sending a second signal subsequent to said initial signal wherein said second signal indicates the end of said predetermined time period.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in Claim 5 further comprising the steps of:

detecting said initial signal;

detecting said second signal; and

generating a call data record associated with said supplementary service, according to said tariff table, for application to said PPS account.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 6, further comprising the step of applying said call data record to said PPS account.

8. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 7, further comprising the step of linking said supplementary services to said prepaid subscriber account wherein said prepaid subscriber account is stored on a home location register.

9. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing a prepaid subscriber (PPS) account in a wireless telecommunication system, comprising:

a prepaid administration system coupled with said prepaid subscriber account;

a means for charging and reducing funds in said prepaid subscriber account;

a database in a node of said wireless telecommunication system for storing tariff information associated with said prepaid subscriber account wherein said tariff information comprises:

a first value for call events; and

a second value for fees related to a supplementary service sub-account, said sub-account including at least one of a call forwarding service, a call waiting service, a call blocking service and a caller ~~id~~ ID service and the periodic charge

is applied separately either one time weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually to said PPS account;

a timer for determining a time period corresponding to said fee for said supplementary service sub-account wherein the time period is determined separately from said call events; and

means for generating a call data record associated with said time period for application to said PPS account.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 9, wherein said PPS account comprises the supplementary service sub-account and a call-event sub-account.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 9, further comprising a means for applying said fee [o] to said supplementary service sub-account.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 9 further comprising a signal generating means for generating an initial signal for starting a timer upon activation of said supplementary service sub-account.

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 12 further comprising:

a timing function for measuring said ~~predetermined~~ time period; and

detection means for detecting said initial signal and a second signal that corresponds with the end of said predetermined time period, wherein said predetermined time period is one of a week, a month, a quarter or a year.

14. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 13, further comprising means for generating a call data record associated with said supplementary service, according to said tariff table, for application to said PPS account.

15. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 13, further comprising means for applying said call data record to said prepaid subscriber account.

16. (Currently amended) A node for managing a prepaid subscriber (PPS) account in a telecommunication system, the node comprising:

means for establishing a credit balance in said PPS account;

service switching function for linking a separate supplementary service to said PPS account, wherein a fee for said supplementary service is separately charged periodically to said PPS account, said supplementary service separately charged from call connection fees, wherein the fee is applied weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually, said supplementary service including at least one of a call forwarding service, a call waiting service a call blocking service and a caller ID service,

a timer means for determining that a predetermined time period associated with said supplementary service is complete; and

means for applying said fee to said PPS account.

17. (Previously Presented) The node as set forth in Claim 16 wherein means for linking said supplementary service to said PPS account further comprises means for linking said PPS account to a supplementary service sub-account and a call-event sub-account, wherein said supplementary service and said call-events are timed separately.

18. (Previously Presented) The node as set forth in Claim 16, wherein means for applying said fee to said PPS account further comprises means for applying said fee to said supplementary service sub-account.

19. (Previously Presented) The node as set forth in Claim 17 further comprising:

means for detecting an initial signal indicating the start of said predetermined time period; and

means for detecting a second signal subsequent to said initial signal wherein said second signal indicates the end of said predetermined time period, wherein said predetermined period is one of a week, month, quarter or year.

20. (Previously Presented) The node as set forth in Claim 19 further comprising:

means for generating a call data record (CDR) associated with said predetermined time period and said supplementary service according to said tariff table for application to said PPS account.

21. (Previously Presented) The node as set forth in Claim 20, further comprising means for applying said call data record to said PPS supplementary service sub-account.